



## A NOTED VISITOR IN CITY

Unique Experience of James A. Laing.

A PIONEER IN DARKEST AFRICA

Gentleman Now in Honolulu Took Livingstone's Body From Africa to England.

HONOLULU is without doubt one of the most cosmopolitan of places, and every now and again a stranger enters her portals who is different from the ordinary run of men in that he has done something of note, and who can tell a story that is well worth listening to.

Such a one is James Arthur Laing, who arrived here on the last trip of the Moana. Chatting with an Advertiser reporter yesterday, Mr. Laing had many interesting things to tell about his experiences in different parts of the world. For some years, dating from 1872, Mr. Laing was located at Zanzibar, South Africa. "I was there," said he, "when Sir Bartle Frere came out with a mission from the British government to make a treaty with the Sultan of Zanzibar, for the liberation of the slaves in his dominions, extending from Cape Guardafui to the Portuguese possessions in Mozambique."

It was during Mr. Laing's residence in Zanzibar that the body of Livingstone, the explorer, was brought to the court from Hala, where he died. The native carriers were six months in making the journey out, Hala being in the center of the continent, in the country of the great Chief Chitambo. The carriers brought the body into Bagomoyo, a town on the mainland, not far from Zanzibar. The news that the great explorer's body was there was soon noised about, and when intelligence of it reached Zanzibar, H. M. S. Vulture, which was stationed there at the time, was detailed to bring the remains to Zanzibar.

Mr. Laing, who was agent for the British India Steam Navigation Company at the time, was one of those present when the wrappings in which the missionary's body was shrouded were taken off and the features laid bare. Just when Livingstone died is still a matter of uncertainty, but a long time elapsed after his decease before his attendants brought the body down to the coast. The method of preservation followed by the natives was to remove the internal organs and dry the body on a tree.

Mr. Laing said that he had never seen Mr. Livingstone in the flesh, but was still able to recognize the dead man from photographs which he had seen. A part of the mustache and some of the teeth had fallen away, but the features still retained sufficient of their life appearance to make identification possible. Pridaux, consul general of Zanzibar, and Dr. Robb, the British consul, were among those present when the body was exposed.

It was Mr. Laing to whom the sad task was entrusted of taking charge of the remains and conveying them to London.

"We started from Zanzibar," said Mr. Laing, "on the 10th day of March, 1874, and arrived in London on the 9th of April. At Brindisi, Italy, at Turin and Paris, where the vessel stopped, it was met by the foreign office officials, and every facility was given for the expedition of the journey."

"Upon arrival in London I delivered the papers to the foreign office, where my mission ended."

It was on the 9th of April when Mr. Laing arrived in England with the body. He afterwards attended the funeral of the great explorer in Westminster Abbey.

Mr. Laing remained in London from April until August 24th, when he started upon his return to Africa, in company with H. M. Stanley, who was then setting out on his Niger expedition.

Jacob Wainwright, a Swahili boy who was one of Livingstone's attendants, and helped to bring the remains

## BEWARE THE BOGIE MAN.



Now keep you still, my children, There's something bad in sight; A most appalling bogie, Not good to meet at night. Methinks I hear his footstep— Detect his fearsome tread, If so, 'twere better that you all Were safe at home in bed.

Then hush, hush, hush, Here comes the bogie man; He feeds on congregations, He'll catch you if he can; So go and hide, Or underneath a ban, You'll quickly go before you know— He's such a bogie man.

The bogie man is lean and lank, He has a mournful air, But 'neath these gentle attributes There's all too much of guile, He's got a little gun for me, A little knife for you, 'Twas sharpened at the Synod By henchmen, tried and true.

Then hush, lie low; His shadow's on the path; I hear him mutter in his beard— He bubbles o'er with wrath; So run, run, run; That were the wisest plan; I think I'll go with you myself— I fear the bogie man. —H. M. AYRES.

## REPUBLICANS WILL CHOOSE NEW SECRETARY NEXT WEEK

There May be a Change in Way of Granting Proxies, Permitting Convention Members to Act.

WHEN THE Republican Territorial Central Committee meets Monday next according to the present outlook there will be even fewer members present in person than at the last meetings and yet the number of votes cast promises to be as large. Where it was expected that several outsiders, such as Henry P. Baldwin

Whereas then there was a resolution that proxies be restricted to the members of the Central Committee, there is a seeming majority for the proposal that any member of the convention which nominated Parker for delegate last year and constituted the committee should be permitted to hold a proxy.

Should this have a majority of the vote the same rule will be made to apply to the executive committee as well and there will be then a widening of the influence of that body, and it will have in it upon the departure of any member, Republicans of the city who took a deep interest in party success last year, and who as well worked and contributed to the campaign. This will mean that there is to be a broader spirit in the future government of the party and that active work along lines which are approved by the most progressive, will be inaugurated at once.

The most important matter which will come before the meeting perhaps will be that of a secretary for the committee. The resignation of Secretary Hendry has been followed by an active canvass of the committee by Assistant Secretary Avery, with the result that he has endorsements which are sufficient to land him in the place, should there be chosen a non-member. However, that the secretary should be a member of that body, elected by his district. It is thought this would give to the member a standing which does not attach to the simple secretary of the committee, without any elective membership. Before he went to the coast Chairman Kennedy suggested that this course be followed, and made a canvass of the membership with the hope of finding some one who would undertake the work of keeping up the records and attending to the actual workings of the committee. Col. J. H. Fisher has been approached, but his business precludes his taking on the extra work. B. H. Wright of the Department of Public Works has been mentioned and there may be others as well. Many members declare their attachment to the principle, but insist that there are not enough men in the committee who could undertake the labor, and that in consequence the place may have to go to an outsider.

The special election to fill the seat in the Legislature made vacant by the death of Archibald F. Gillman, will afford an excellent opportunity for a show of strength between the parties in the Fourth district. It is already known that the Home Rulers will put up Prince Cupid. The question of his election is another matter, though, as there are Republicans who say they can defeat any candidate that may be put up in the district.

On the Republican side there is a reluctance to discuss the matter, as the general grief over the death of Mr. Gillman is too great. The new member from the Fourth district will be Mr. Gillman. There are many good Republicans, and leaders, too, in that precinct, such men as J. H. Fisher, Joseph Gilman, J. P. Cooke, B. H. Wright and many others, and when the time comes to make the fight it is certain that there will be a hot campaign.



Jas. A. Laing Who Escorted Livingstone's Remains.

## PRINCE IS NAMED FOR SEAT

Cupid Will Run for Legislature at Once.

IS WANTED TO SUCCEED GILFILLAN

Central Committee Gets Some Sharp Bumps From the Executive Body.

JONAH KALANIANAOLE was nominated by the Home Rulers last night at Foster's Hall, for member of the Legislature, to succeed the late Archibald F. Gillman. The nomination was made after there had been a demand that James Quinn take the nomination, which he refused absolutely to do. There were no other names mentioned.

There was plenty of incident to the meeting, as there were many number of things done before the nomination was taken up, as the very last thing considered. There was a resolution endorsing Wilcox's leper settlement bill which had to be withdrawn; there was a very warm discussion of the letters of declination of Governor Dole and Secretary Cooper, and more than enough talk over the make-up of the program of the mass meeting, which is to be held Saturday. Then there was a genial snub handed to the newly created central committee, which was told in few words to "Go 'way back and sit down" until the main body had considered all questions of reorganization.

Perhaps the most distinguishing feature of the meeting was the frosty face which was turned to John Colburn's attempt to run the Home Rule party. There are many of the old Hawaiians who can see in the recent influx of young blood nothing but an attack upon the integrity of the party, and an endeavor to secure control of the machinery, so as to turn it over to the Democracy. Prince Cupid is acquitted of any guile, but it is the open comment that there has been too much endeavor to run affairs, manifested by the new men. There was a snag struck when Fred Beckley, the eager and self-reliant young Mauiian, who has just returned from his home, struck at the danger of a schism in the ranks, by introducing a resolution calling for an oath to be taken by every member of the party, by which he pledges himself a Home Ruler, and in case of a return of the Democracy infection, he is to be thrown out of the party bodily. The old Hawaiian element carried this through with a rush.

The first business of the evening was the discussion of the report of the committee on the mass meeting. Unfortunately for the new central committee, owing to the absence of Prince Cupid, and the fact that his closest friends are both on the central and mass meeting committees, there was a confounding of the two bodies. The result was that there was not only a granting of further time for the consideration of the mass meeting program, but some one, under the impression that there was only one committee sent the report in relation to the club organizations back, as well, for later consideration.

When the matter of the report of the meeting committee came up there was an uproar almost from the start. John Emmeluth reported that there was not a list of the probable speakers made up, and Carlos Long told what had been done in the matter of invitations. Then, too, he told of the declinations. The hottest one was that from Secretary Cooper, whose letter was read in translation. In it Mr. Cooper told the committee, straight from the shoulder, just why he would not permit himself to be a party to a meeting which was purely political, and where the result was already known. It was announced by the committee that Mr. Cooper had been sent a reply which was in keeping with the tone of his own epistle, and after the meeting one of those who knew what had been sent, said that there would be no difficulty in understanding the meaning of

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